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## 2015 Blueberry Statistics

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### New Jersey Blueberry Crop Valued at \$66.2 Million

The total value of the 2015 blueberry crop in New Jersey was \$66.2 million, down 15.0 percent from 2014. Harvested acres and the yield per acre were down 2.2 percent and 10.7 percent respectively. Utilized production was down in 2015 by 12.6 percent compared to 2014 at 48.6 million pounds.

Prices for the New Jersey blueberry crop experienced a decrease, dropping to \$1.36 per pound from \$1.40 per pound the previous year. The average fresh market price was \$1.42 per pound in 2015, while the processing price was \$0.98 per pound. The processing price per pound was 7 cents below the 2014 price level of \$1.05 per pound.

### United States Blueberry Production Down by 3 Percent

The United States blueberry total production, at 560.0 million pounds in 2015, fell by 3 percent from the 578.7 million pounds the previous year. Bearing acreage, at 89,820, increased by 6.0 percent from the 2014 growing season. Nationwide, the average yield in 2015 was 6,160 pounds per acre, a decrease of 510 pounds per acre from 2014.



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## Blueberry Harvested Acres, Yield, Production, Price, & Value of Utilized Production, by State, 2015 1/

State	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre <sup>1/</sup>	Utilized Production
	- acres -	- lbs -	- 1,000 lbs -
Alabama	410	1,220	500
Arkansas	280	1,860	520
California	5,700	10,900	62,150
Florida	5,500	4,510	24,800
Georgia	17,200	4,880	84,000
Indiana	630	2,540	1,600
Michigan	19,400	3,770	73,100
Mississippi	1,600	3,630	5,800
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>9,100</b>	<b>5,340</b>	<b>48,600</b>
New York	1,000	1,720	1,720
North Carolina	8,000	6,190	49,500
Oregon	10,000	9,690	96,900
Washington	11,000	9,450	103,950
US	89,820	6,160	553,140

1/ Yield is based on utilized production.

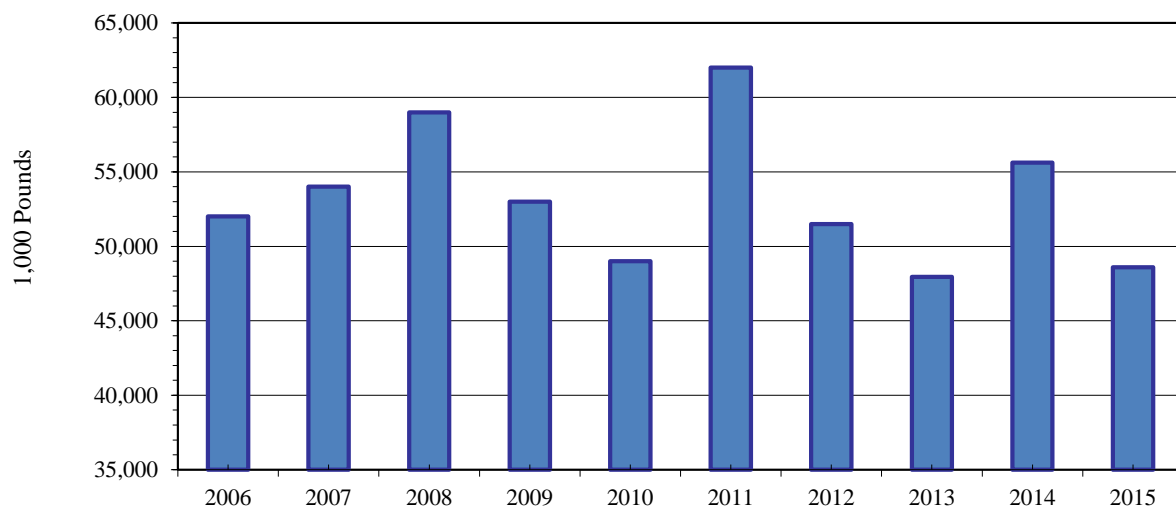
State	Value of Utilized Production	Price per Pound		
		Fresh	Processed	All
	- 1,000 dollars -	- - - dollars per pound - - -		
Alabama	965	1.930	*	1.930
Arkansas	1,482	2.850	*	2.850
California	116,979	*	*	1.880
Florida	82,267	3,350	0.640	3.320
Georgia	104,440	1,750	0.630	1.240
Indiana	3,048	*	*	1.910
Michigan	95,565	1.720	0.750	1.310
Mississippi	8,040	*	*	1.390
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>66,152</b>	<b>1.420</b>	<b>0.980</b>	<b>1.360</b>
New York	3,990	2.320	*	2.320
North Carolina	77,910	1.780	0.930	1.570
Oregon	104,307	1.530	0.780	1.080
Washington	146,847	1.770	1.310	1.410
US	811,992	1.920	0.913	1.470

\* Small quantities of processed blueberries are included in fresh to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

## New Jersey Blueberry Price & Value of Production, 2013 - 2015

Year	Season Average Price			Value of Production
	Fresh	Processing	All	Utilized
--- dollars per pound ---				- \$1,000 -
2013	1.220	0.840	1.180	56,800
2014	1.440	1.050	1.400	77,793
2015	1.420	0.980	1.360	66,152

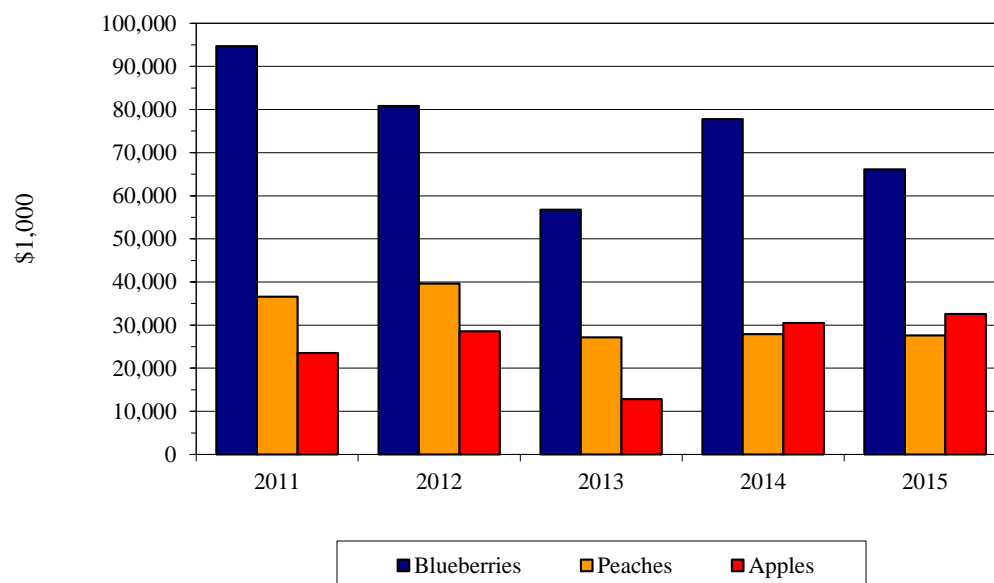
## New Jersey Blueberry Utilized Production, 2006 - 2015



## New Jersey Apple, Blueberry, & Peach Value of Utilized Production, 2006 – 2015

Year	Apples	Blueberries	Peaches
	- \$1,000 -	- \$1,000 -	- \$1,000 -
2006	18,060	83,720	35,700
2007	9,609	90,240	32,832
2008	14,841	81,990	23,920
2009	20,951	65,260	33,660
2010	20,180	62,510	31,280
2011	23,505	94,700	36,600
2012	28,540	80,805	39,600
2013	12,844	56,800	27,180
2014	30,492	77,793	27,891
2015	32,580	66,152	27,585

## New Jersey Apple, Blueberry, & Peach Value of Utilized Production, 2011 - 2015



## National Rankings Cultivated Blueberries by State, 2015

State	Rank	Harvested Acres
Michigan	1	19,400
Georgia	2	17,200
Washington	3	11,000
Oregon	4	10,000
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9,300</b>
North Carolina	6	8,000
California	7	5,700
Florida	8	5,500
Mississippi	9	1,600
New York	10	1,000
Indiana	11	630
Alabama	12	410
Arkansas	13	280

State	Rank	Yield per Acre <sup>1/</sup> (lbs)
California	1	10,900
Oregon	2	9,690
Washington	3	9,450
North Carolina	4	6,190
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5,340</b>
Georgia	6	4,880
Florida	7	4,510
Michigan	8	3,770
Mississippi	9	3,630
Indiana	10	2,540
Arkansas	11	1,860
New York	12	1,720
Alabama	13	1,220

1/ Yield is based on utilized production.

State	Rank	Utilized Production (1,000 lbs)
Washington	1	103,950
Oregon	2	96,900
Georgia	3	84,000
Michigan	4	73,100
California	5	62,150
North Carolina	6	49,500
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>48,600</b>
Florida	8	24,800
Mississippi	9	5,800
New York	10	1,720
Indiana	11	1,600
Arkansas	12	520
Alabama	13	500

State	Rank	Value of Utilized Production (\$1,000)
Washington	1	146,847
California	2	116,979
Georgia	3	104,440
Oregon	4	104,307
Michigan	5	95,565
Florida	6	82,267
North Carolina	7	77,910
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>66,152</b>
Mississippi	9	8,040
New York	10	3,990
Indiana	11	3,048
Arkansas	12	1,482
Alabama	13	965

## Blueberries, 1929-1975

## NJ Historic Blueberry Statistics

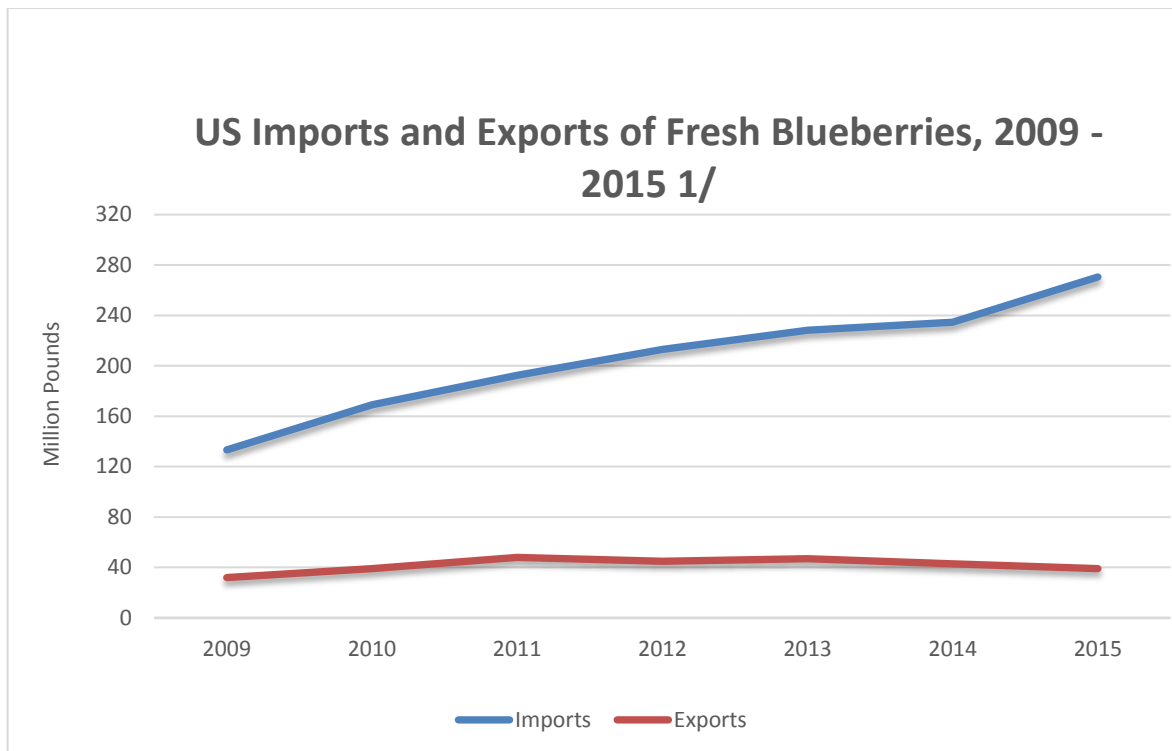
Year	Area Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Utilized Production	Price	Value of Utilized Production
	-acres-	-flats-	-flats-	-cents/lbs-	-dollars-
1929	150	140	21,000	-	-
1930	200	200	40,000	-	-
1931	300	167	50,000	-	-
1932	420	152	64,000	-	-
1933	500	150	75,000	-	-
1934	600	83	50,000	-	-
1935	600	167	100,000	-	-
1936	700	123	86,000	-	-
1937	800	159	127,000	-	-
1938	900	203	183,000	-	-
1939	1,050	122	128,000	-	-
1940	1,100	231	254,000	-	-
1941	1,200	291	349,000	-	-
1942	1,400	176	246,000	2.28	561
1943	1,500	267	400,000	2.85	1,140
1944	1,600	305	305,000	3.10	1,513
1945	1,800	140	252,000	3.85	970
1946	2,000	255	510,000	3.40	1,734
1947	2,200	290	638,000	2.75	1,754
1948	2,400	165	396,000	3.65	1,145
1949	2,800	285	810,000	2.70	2,155
1950	3,100	250	775,000	2.65	2,054
1951	3,600	275	990,000	2.60	5,574
1952	4,100	235	964,000	2.75	2,651
1953	4,600	280	1,288,000	2.85	3,671
1954	5,000	320	1,600,000	2.75	4,400
1955	5,200	315	1,638,000	2.65	4,341
1956	5,200	225	1,170,000	3.15	3,686
1957	5,600	265	1,484,000	2.75	4,081
1958	5,400	260	1,404,000	2.55	3,580
1959	6,100	240	1,464,000	2.90	4,246
1960	6,600	350	2,310,000	2.60	6,006
1961	6,700	220	1,474,000	2.90	4,246
1962	7,300	235	1,716,000	2.75	4,719
1963	7,900	210	1,659,000	2.10	5,143
1964	8,500	220	1,870,000	2.95	5,516
1965	7,900	260	2,054,000	2.60	6,059
1966	8,300	280	2,324,000	3.25	7,553
1967	7,500	270	2,025,000	3.15	5,229
1968	7,600	203	1,862,000	2.95	5,493
1969	7,100	290	2,059,000	3.00	6,177
1970	7,300	215	1,570,000	3.40	5,338
1971	7,200	285	2,052,000	3.35	6,874
1972	7,200	260	1,872,000	3.95	7,394
1973	7,300	310	2,063,000	4.25	9,618
1974	7,500	320	2,400,000	3.90	9,360
1975	7,700	270	2,079,000	4.25	8,836

# Blueberries 1976-2015

# NJ Historic Blueberries Statistics

Year	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Utilized Production	Price	Value of Utilized Production
	-acres-	-flats-	-flats-	-cents/lbs-	-dollars-
1976	7,600	315	2,394,000	5.00	11,970
1977	7,700	270	2,079,000	6.50	13,514
1978	7,800	260	2,028,000	7.63	15,482
1979	7,800	273	2,127,000	6.49	13,806
1980	8,100	292	2,364,000	6.71	15,860
<b>Year</b>	<b>-acres-</b>	<b>-lbs-</b>	<b>-1,000 lbs-</b>	<b>-cents/lbs-</b>	<b>-dollars-</b>
1981	7,800	3,590	28,000	65.0	18,201
1982	7,500	4,000	28,000	71.2	21,360
1983	7,800	2,950	23,000	79.4	19,260
1984	7,900	3,800	30,000	62.0	17,980
1985	7,700	4,550	35,000	75.6	25,688
1986	7,900	3,800	30,000	77.4	23,216
1987	7,600	3,030	23,000	82.8	19,053
1988	7,700	2,860	22,000	102.0	21,350
1989	7,800	3,850	30,000	89.3	24,560
1990	7,900	2,970	24,000	82.7	19,440
1991	8,200	3,780	32,000	78.2	24,235
1992	7,600	3,030	24,000	94.9	21,820
1993	8,100	3,890	32,500	79.4	25,005
1994	7,600	4,140	32,500	73.7	23,205
1995	7,600	4,610	36,000	75.7	26,500
1996	7,500	4,530	35,000	97.1	33,010
<b>Year</b>	<b>-acres-</b>	<b>-lbs-</b>	<b>flats</b>	<b>-\$/lbs-</b>	<b>-dollars-</b>
1997	7,400	4,590	35,000	0.999	33,980
1998	7,500	4,800	37,000	0.788	28,360
1999	7,500	5,200	41,000	0.938	36,590
2000	7,500	4,530	35,000	1.060	36,100
2001	7,400	5,000	38,000	0.990	36,730
2002	7,400	5,680	43,000	1.110	46,790
2003	7,500	5,330	41,000	1.140	45,690
2004	7,500	5,200	39,000	1.170	45,630
2005	7,500	6,000	45,000	1.230	55,470
2006	7,600	6,840	52,000	1.610	83,720
2007	7,600	7,110	54,000	1.670	90,240
2008	7,600	7,760	59,000	1.390	81,990
2009	7,700	6,880	53,000	1.230	65,260
2010	7,500	6,530	49,000	1.280	62,510
2011	7,700	8,050	62,000	1.530	94,700
2012	7,500	6,870	51,500	1.570	80,805
2013	8,800	5,540	47,940	1.180	56,800
2014	9,300	5,980	55,610	1.400	77,793
2015	9,100	5,340	48,600	1.360	66,152





Sources: [U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics](#) and [ERS](#) calculations using Census trade statistics.

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